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VEHICLE DOOR AND MANUFACTURE THEREOF

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This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 10/258 831

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The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any applications from which this prior application may claim priority, is hereby incorporated by reference.

[] This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:

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- [] Information Disclosure Statement
- [] Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 - [] Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- [X] The prior application is assigned of record to Kikuchi Co., Ltd..
- [X] Acknowledgment Postal Card
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Respectfully submitted,

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LETTER TO PATENT OFFICE

Sir:

This application is a divisional application and is directed to the non-elected invention in parent application Serial No. 10/258 831. No new matter has been added. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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